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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 16, 2004, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-7 and 47-53), drawn to a molecule or molecular complex comprising at least a portion of *S. aureus* thioredoxin, crystal thereof, and a method making crystal. Applicant's Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submits that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted for

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